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## 2012 GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma

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The **GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma** was an open-wheel [IndyCar](#) motor race and held as the fourteenth and penultimate round of the [2012 IndyCar Series season](#). It took place on Sunday, August 26, 2012. The race was contested over 85 laps at the 2.303-mile (3.706 km) at [Sonoma Raceway, California, United States](#).

The race was won by Australian racer [Ryan Briscoe](#) racing for [Team Penske](#). Briscoe finished 0.4 seconds ahead of Australian team mate [Will Power](#) with British driver [Dario Franchitti](#) finishing third for [Chip Ganassi Racing](#). It was Briscoe's first win since the [2010 Firestone 550](#). Brazilian driver and Formula One veteran [Rubens Barrichello](#) finished fourth in his best result since joining IndyCar. Power's second place, coupled with [Ryan Hunter-Reay](#) finishing 18th expanded Power's lead in the championship. Power led Hunter-Reay by 36 points.<sup>[2]</sup>

The event marked a notable change in the course layout. The cars used the inner loop at the back hairpin instead of the outer loop in order to open a passing zone. The exit of the bus stop was widened to allow for more room. Another passing zone was established by using a part of the hairpin instead of cutting it off altogether.

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## Classification

### Race results

Pos	No.	Driver	Team	Engine	Laps	Time/Retired	Grid	Laps Led	Points <sup>1</sup>
1	2	<span><span></span></span> <b>Ryan Briscoe</b>	Team Penske	Chevrolet	85	2:07:02.8248	2	27	<b>50</b>
2	12	<span><span></span></span> <b>Will Power</b>	Team Penske	Chevrolet	85	+ 0.4408	1	57	<b>43</b>
3	10	<span><span></span></span> <b>Dario Franchitti</b>	Chip Ganassi Racing	Honda	85	+ 1.0497	6	0	<b>35</b>
4	8	<span><span></span></span> <b>Rubens Barrichello</b>	KV Racing Technology	Chevrolet	85	+ 8.8529	11	0	<b>32</b>
5	38	<span><span></span></span> <b>Graham Rahal</b>	Chip Ganassi Racing	Honda	85	+ 9.4667	13	0	<b>30</b>
6	3	<span><span></span></span> <b>Hélio Castroneves</b>	Team Penske	Chevrolet	85	+ 11.2575	4	0	<b>28</b>
7	77	<span><span></span></span> <b>Simon Pagenaud</b> <b>(R)</b>	Schmidt Hamilton Motorsports	Honda	85	+ 12.3087	9	0	<b>26</b>
8	4	<span><span></span></span> <b>J.R. Hildebrand</b>	Panther Racing	Chevrolet	85	+ 22.8121	15	0	<b>24</b>
9	98	<span><span></span></span> <b>Alex Tagliani</b>	Team Barracuda – BHA	Honda	85	+ 39.6868	8	0	<b>22</b>
10	11	<span><span></span></span> <b>Tony Kanaan</b>	KV Racing Technology	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	16	0	<b>20</b>
11	18	<span><span></span></span> <b>Justin Wilson</b>	Dale Coyne Racing	Honda	84	+ 1 lap	20	0	<b>19</b>
12	19	<span><span></span></span> <b>James Jakes</b>	Dale Coyne Racing	Honda	84	+ 1 lap	24	0	<b>18</b>
13	9	<span><span></span></span> <b>Scott Dixon</b>	Chip Ganassi Racing	Honda	84	+ 1 lap	5	0	<b>17</b>
14	14	<span><span></span></span> <b>Mike Conway</b>	A.J. Foyt Enterprises	Honda	84	+ 1 lap	14	0	<b>16</b>
15	17	<span><span></span></span> <b>Sebastián Saavedra</b>	Andretti Autosport	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	23	0	<b>15</b>
16	5	<span><span></span></span> <b>E.J. Viso</b>	KV Racing Technology	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	17	0	<b>14</b>
17	78	<span><span></span></span> <b>Simona de Silvestro</b>	HVM Racing	Lotus	84	+ 1 lap	27	0	<b>13</b>
18	28	<span><span></span></span> <b>Ryan Hunter-Reay</b>	Andretti Autosport	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	7	1	<b>12</b>
19	22	<span><span></span></span> <b>Oriol Servià</b>	Panther/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	18	0	<b>12</b>
20	20	<span><span></span></span> <b>Ed Carpenter</b>	Ed Carpenter Racing	Chevrolet	84	+ 1 lap	25	0	<b>12</b>
21	83	<span><span></span></span> <b>Charlie Kimball</b>	Chip Ganassi Racing	Honda	82	+ 3 laps	21	0	<b>12</b>
22	7	<span><span></span></span> <b>Sébastien Bourdais</b>	Dragon Racing	Chevrolet	63	Contact	3	0	<b>12</b>
23	67	<span><span></span></span> <b>Josef Newgarden</b> <b>(R)</b>	Sarah Fisher Hartman Racing	Honda	62	Contact	22	0	<b>12</b>
24	6	<span><span></span></span> <b>Katherine Legge</b> <b>(R)</b>	Dragon Racing	Chevrolet	48	Mechanical	19	0	<b>12</b>
25	26	<span><span></span></span> <b>Marco Andretti</b>	Andretti Autosport	Chevrolet	46	Mechanical	12	0	<b>10</b>
26	27	<span><span></span></span> <b>James Hinchcliffe</b>	Andretti Autosport	Chevrolet	35	Mechanical	10	0	<b>10</b>
27	15	<span><span></span></span> <b>Takuma Sato</b>	Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing	Honda	2	Mechanical	26	0	<b>10</b>
<b>OFFICIAL BOX SCORE</b> <sup>[3]</sup>									

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Points include 1 point for pole position and 2 points for most laps led.

## Standings after the race

#### Drivers' Championship

Pos	Driver	Points
1	<span><span></span></span> <b>Will Power</b>	422
2	<span><span></span></span> <b>Ryan Hunter-Reay</b>	386
3	<span><span></span></span> <b>Hélio Castroneves</b>	381
4	<span><span></span></span> <b>Scott Dixon</b>	368
5	<span><span></span></span> <b>Simon Pagenaud</b>	337

#### Manufacturers' Championship

Pos	Manufacturer	Points
1	<span><span></span></span> <b>Chevrolet</b>	105
2	<span><span></span></span> <b>Honda</b>	90
3	<span><span></span></span> <b>Lotus</b>	52

- Note:** Only the top five positions are included for the driver standings.

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